

February 28, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S835.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Transportation, focusing on safety initiatives, after receiving testimony from Vice Adm. James C. Card, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Rosalyn G. Millman, Acting Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Kelley S. Coyner, Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, and Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, all of the Department of Transportation.

### COLUMBIA SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittees on Foreign Operations, Defense, and Military Construction concluded joint hearings on a proposed supplemental request to assist the Government of Columbia in its counter-narcotics efforts, after receiving testimony from Thomas R. Pickering, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Gen. Charles Wilhelm, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command; Luis A. Moreno, Colombian Ambassador to the United States; Oswaldo Antezana, Bolivia Minister of Agriculture, La Paz; Ramon Jimenez, Ecuador Attorney General, Quito; and Robin Kirk, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

### APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention practices, after receiving testimony from Alphonso Maldon, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Lt. Gen. David H. Ohle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff

for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; Maj. Gen. Evan R. Gaddis, USA, Commander, United States Army Recruiting Command; Rear Adm. Barbara E. McGann, USN, Commander, United States Navy Recruiting Command; Maj. Gen. Garry L. Parks, USMC, Commander, United States Marine Corps Recruiting Command; and Brig. Gen. Peter U. Sutton, USAF, Commander, United States Air Force Recruiting Service.

### HUD COMMUNITY BUILDERS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of HUD's Community Builders' Program, focusing on hiring procedures and practices, after receiving testimony from Senator Bond; Saul Ramirez, Deputy Secretary, D. Michael Beard, District Inspector General for Audit, Southwest District, and Irene H. Facha, Regional Vice President for the Mid-Atlantic, HUD Council of Locals 222, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Kathryn Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Jay Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Johnson was introduced by Senators Kohl and Feingold.

### FUEL PRICES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine energy supply and demand issues relating to crude oil, heating oil, and transportation fuels in light of recent price escalations, after receiving testimony from John Cook, Petroleum Division Director, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; James R. Schlesinger, Lehman Brothers, and Jerry Jordan, Independent Petroleum Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Adam E. Sieminski, Deutsche Bank Alex. Brown, Baltimore, Maryland; Walter B. McCormick, Jr., American Trucking Associations, Alexandria, Virginia; Gordon Regan, AmeriGas Propane, Inc., Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Propane Gas Association; F. William Valentino, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Albany; and Gary D. Lauderdale, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation.

**MINERAL LEASING**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held hearings on S. 1722 and H.R. 3063, bills to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State, and S. 1950, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 to ensure the orderly development of coal, coalbed methane, natural gas, and oil in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming and Montana, receiving testimony from Senator Enzi; John Northington, Senior Advisor to the Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Terry O'Connor, Arch Coal, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, on behalf of the National Mining Association; Vernon A. Isaacs, Jr., Rim Operating, Inc., Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States; Robert Ugland, Wyoming Business Council, Cheyenne; Thomas A. Dugan, Dugan Production Corporation, Farmington, New Mexico, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico; Byron F. Oedekoven, Gillette, Wyoming, on behalf of the Coalbed Methane Ad Hoc Committee; John M. Corra, FMC Wyoming Corporation, Green River, on behalf of the Wyoming Mining Association and the Wyoming Soda Ash Producers; and Douglas D. Gardner, American Natural Soda Ash Corporation, West Point, Connecticut.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

**ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BUDGET**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Army Corps of Engineers, focusing on the Civil Works Program, after receiving testimony from Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, Chief of Engineers and Commanding Officer, both of the Army Corps of Engineers.

**MEDICARE REFORM**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine Medicare reform proposals, focusing on cost containment and expanded benefits, including S. 1895, to amend the Social Security Act to preserve and improve the Medicare program, receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and Robert D. Reischauer, Urban Institute, Beatrice Braun, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons, Robert R. Waller, on behalf of The Healthcare Leadership Council, and Robert L. Bixby, on behalf of the Concord Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

**AFRICA AIDS CRISIS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine the AIDS epidemic in Africa, and a related measure, S. 2026, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize appropriations for HIV/AIDS efforts, after receiving testimony from Senators Kerry, Boxer, and Durbin; David Satcher, Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health; Sandra L. Thurman, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy; Jeffrey Sachs, Harvard University Institute for International Development, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Harvey E. Bale, Jr., International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations, Geneva, Switzerland; Father Angelo D'Agostino, Nyumbani Orphanage, Nairobi, Kenya; and Rev. Franklin Graham, Samaritan's Purse, Boone, North Carolina

**DAY TRADING**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine the practices of the day trading industry and its risks to investors, receiving testimony from Deborah M. Field, Counsel, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission; Huan Van Cao, Providential Securities, Fountain Valley, California; Fred Zayas, Watertown, Massachusetts, and Barry Parish, San Diego, California, both of All-Tech Direct; Justin Hoehn, Momentum Securities, Atlanta, Georgia; Alyce Wenzel, Huntley, Illinois; Steve Buchwalter, Encino, California; Carmen Margala, Oceanside, California; and Sandra Harlacher, San Diego, California.

Hearings will continue tomorrow.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 29.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2042, to reform the process by which the Office of the Pardon Attorney investigates and reviews potential exercises of executive clemency, with amendments.

**SBA BUDGET**

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration.